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Letter dated 2 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In the wake of the deadly attacks on 11 September 2001, I have the honour to request you to circulate this letter and its annex as a document of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166.

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Annex to the letter dated 2 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Government communiqué

The entire world has been shaken by the wave of terrorist attacks that plunged the United States of America into mourning on Tuesday, 11 September 2001.

As in such circumstances, an official investigation was immediately launched by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is proceeding normally.

At the same time, the Western media, in response to events, are regularly reporting on the progress of investigations, on any support and accomplices, and on countries harbouring the terrorists who perpetrated those attacks, for which Usama bin Laden is officially being held responsible.

Against that background, on 17 September 2001, a newspaper in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, *The Times*, in an article signed by Dominic Kennedy and Roger Boyes, saw fit to publish false information, alleging the existence of a cell of the bin Laden network in Côte d'Ivoire and accusing our country of harbouring a terrorist training camp.

The Ministry of State and the Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization contacted the United States through the Deputy Head of Mission at the United States Embassy, Ms. Patricia Hawkins, currently serving as Ambassador, in order to refute those unfounded insinuations, which stem purely from the imagination of the authors, and to affirm to the United States that Côte d'Ivoire is in no way, shape or form involved in those events.

The Government formally advises the national and international community that Côte d'Ivoire harbours no terrorist training camps in its territory, much less terrorists from the bin Laden network, and unequivocally denies any close or remote involvement by Côte d'Ivoire in the tragedy that has struck the United States.

(*Signed*) Emile **Boga Doudou**
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